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Ak-Chin Indian Community MHS Class of 2020 graduate Samuel Justin is embraced in an emotional moment of relief from Grandmother, Ak-Chin Councilmember Delia Carlyle.

MHS grads drive up for diploma celebration

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Maricopa High School seniors and families endured a change of plans from the traditional graduation walk to a drive-by pick-up line of cars outside the school.

On Thursday, May 21, the line of cars started to line up at 10:30am in the bus lane off Taft Avenue by the student parking lot, and extended out to Honeycutt Avenue.

Cheered on from the sidewalk

by MHS staff and other supporters in protective masks, graduates eagerly pulled forward one by one and were handed their diploma.

Graduates were encouraged to wear their cap and gown and after receiving the diploma, they were given the opportunity to get out of the car and quickly pose in front of an MHS backdrop for photo opportunities while observing social distancing from other families. Story and photo by C. Picciuolo

Ak-Chin Indian Community graduates who participated in the festivities were Christen Kemp, Doria Garcia, Earl Justin, Samuel Justin, Michael Peters, and Daniel Pablo.

The Community is planning a celebration for the 2020 graduates. Stay tuned for more info in a future Runner issue or on the Community's Facebook page.

Congratulations, Ak-Chin MHS Class of 2020!



May 31, 2020

State-Wide 8 PM Curfew

First and foremost, Community Council wants to extend our sincere wishes to you and your families for a healthy and safe upcoming week.

Our commitment to providing a safe and healthy Community remains the same; however, it looks like things are going to look a little different this week.

The Community Council has recently learned of the week-long, state-wide curfew announced earlier today by Governor Ducey in response to recent events, which is to start today from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. and shall expire on Monday, June 8, at 5:00 a.m. unless further extended.

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Ak-Chin donates to Navajo families in need



Manuel receives many accolades for graduation



Annalise Manuel celebrates her 2020 Graduation from Ray High School with a Senior Parade put on by the PTO on May 23, in Kearney, Arizona.

Photo submitted by Lisa Hazelwood.

On Saturday, May 30, Annalise Manuel was among her peers during a graduation diploma ceremony held for her and fellow high school seniors at Ray High School Auditorium, in Kearney, Arizona.

Annalise was also rewarded with numerous scholarship awards for academic and outstanding achievements, including; Provost Scholarship: \$6,500, In state Scholarship: \$1,000, Choice Scholarship: \$500, NHS Scholarship: \$150, and the Robin Coon Scholarship: \$1,000. She also set a new school record

for the Javelin Throw, 70'6". Congratulations Annalise!

Annalise is the daughter of the late Brian Manuel, Sr. and Lisa Hazelwood.

Early Monday morning, May 18, Pate Justin and family members load up a trailer with food and supplies that will be delivered to needy families on the Navajo Nation.

Pate Justin just finished up 5th grade at Maricopa Elementary, but while she was out of school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she felt the need to reach out to her Ak-Chin Community to help struggling families in Navajo Nation.

Navajo Nation has been one of the hardest hit areas in the country with COVID-19. They have the highest outbreak in the nation per capita.

A lock-down or shelter in place was ordered by Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez to help slow the spread of COVID-19, it was initiated over Easter weekend.

"I kept seeing on the news how the Navajo Nation had very high cases of COVID-19 and many people were in need of food and supplies," Pate shared.

"I know this is true because many of the homes on the Navajo Nation are very remote and far from any stores. My great grandmothers' home is in the Chandler Springs Community and is an 8-mile dirt road drive from the main highway 87. The nearest Wal-Mart is about 50 miles away in Winslow, AZ, which is also the nearest town." The shelter in place prevented businesses to be open and many from traveling to obtain necessities. That made traveling for food and supplies even more difficult for those living in remote areas, as Navajo Nation extends over 27,000 square miles and encompasses three states; Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

Pate and her mom Tami started asking family members in Ak-Chin if they would be willing to help them donate supplies to their families up north. Tami also shared how some of these areas they were planning to help had elders, and many had no running water or electricity.

A small message on Facebook was all it took and they soon began collecting items. Family and friends rallied together to provide non-perishable food items, toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer and many other cleaning essentials.

"These were the items that were hard to find in stores and needed the most by families," Pate shared, in reference to the sanitizers and other cleaning supplies. "We separated the

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Revisiting Historic BIA House Story by C. Picciuolo, photos provided by Him-Dak Archives

The history of the BIA Agent House off of Thomas Street and West Farrell Road is rich with stories of non-Community members and families who helped shape the thriving Ak-Chin Indian Community into what it is today.

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construction of the buildingto what the building was used for- to who was stationed or housed there, a picture can be painted to illustrate what it has meant to the Community.

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Papago Agency

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Museum staff, the story behind the BIA House starts with the Papago Agency, which was established in Sells, Arizona in 1864. Ak-Chin was housed under this agency briefly in 1865, along with the Pima, Maricopa and Apache Indians.

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June 5, 2020 **Elder Programs and Services** medical appointment.

NOTICE FROM THE **ELDER** CENTER

Greetings,

We hope this notice finds everyone well. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), older adults are at higher risk of illness from COVID19. The Ak-Chin Indian Community elders are our highest priority. During COVID19, it is best for the elders to remain home and stay safe. The Elder Center will remain closed at this time. It is uncertain when it will be safe to open. As much as we would like to go back to the same way we once operated, we simply cannot during COVID19. We want to serve the elders in the best way possible and are rethinking how we can safely serve the elders during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Requesting Assistance from **Families**

The Elder Center is working with limited hours and staff. Since COVID19, with social distancing, and an uncertain future, our services are also limited. We are concerned for the elders mental and physical wellbeing. We are requesting assistance from their families. Moving forward, elders will no longer be transported in groups. We now transport one elder at a time per vehicle. This is will result in fewer drivers, longer wait times and limit the amount of appointments we can take. If you have a vehicle, and are available, please help us out by transporting your elder to their medical appointments, shopping and errands. Your elder needs your assistance especially for medical appointments. Medical appointments have changed because of COVID19. Drivers are now social distancing in efforts to protect the elders. Caregivers are now required to attend medical appointments with those elders that need assistance with getting in and out of the vehicle, walking/ pushing a wheelchair etc. It is most helpful when family attends appointments with their elder. Medical professionals speak using words that elders may not understand and/or they cannot hear very well. A member of family attending medical appointments with their elder also provides that added security your elder needs during this difficult time. Also, your elder now has a second set of eyes and ears to hear and see what medical professionals are telling them. That is reassuring. Your help is very appreciated.

Intake Forms

If you are a new elder, and would like to participate in the congregate meal program, an intake form is required. Please call the Elder Center 520-568-1760. The intake form takes about 15 minutes to fill out and can be done over the phone.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast is ready for pick up between 7:30AM and 8:30AM. Lunch is ready for pick up between 12:00 PM and 1:00PM.

- Elders If you are interested in breakfast, please call the Elder Center to place your name on the breakfast list.
- Elders If you are not already receiving a lunch and you would like to pick up a lunch at the Elder Center, please call the Elder Center to place your name on the lunch list.

Homebound deliveries - If elders are not home to receive their breakfast/lunch for three (3) days in a row, and we do not receive a call to let us know, we will no longer deliver. You are welcome to come by the curbside pick up to get your breakfast/lunch.

Transportation

For transportation please call (BEFORE 4PM) the Transportation Supervisor directly at 520-568-1769. If Transportation does not answer, please call the front desk. 520-568-1760.

Because of COVID 19 and moving forward, each elder will be transported individually. There will be no more ride sharing. For the elder's protection, drivers will no longer assist elders the way they did before COVID19. If elders are in a wheelchair, or walker and need physical assistance such as getting in and out of the vehicle, needs assistance with walking, pushing wheelchair etc. A CAREGIVER IS REQUIRED. The drivers will no longer transport without a caregiver.

Drivers no longer permitted to wait in lobby and waiting

Lobbies and waiting rooms

are high risk for infection. It

that elders need to visit the

doctor and will have to wait

in an area along with others

that are sick. For the health

and safety of the driver and

everyone else, drivers are

not permitted to wait in areas

where they can potentially

be exposed to an increased

risk of getting sick. For those

reasons, drivers will not wait

for elders inside the lobby or

waiting room. Drivers will

leave their phone number with

the office assistant to be called

when elders have finished their

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Dialysis Schedule

For those on dialysis, the "pickup time" and "put on time" is strategically followed. Eldersplease do not change your dialysis schedule last minute. The Elder Center drivers will not deviate from the Elder Center's transportation schedule. Please remember, we have few drivers and many elders in which to provide services. Elder Center will not accept last minute schedule changes. Schedule changes made last minute result in backups and delays for other elders. Elders-if you change your schedule last minute, we will not transport you to dialysis upon that change.

Elder Checks

Moving forward, the elder checks will be mailed. To ensure elders receive their check as soon as possible, please be sure that their mailing address is current. Please allow a few days for delivery. The Finance Department and Elder Center do not have information on the U.S. Postal Service schedule. Once your check is mailed, please do not call the Elder Center or Finance Department asking when the check will be delivered. We have no way of knowing when your check will be delivered. It depends on the U.S. Postal Service.

Trips, Events and Activities

All elder trips, events and activities are canceled until further notice.

<u>Eggs</u>

Eggs can be picked up Wednesday – Friday each week.

Transportation Guidelines:

- For transportation please call the Transportation Supervisor BEFORE 4PM at 520-568-1769. If Transportation does not answer, <u>PLEASE LEAVE</u> A MESSAGE with a name, phone number and reason for the call.
- 48-hour notice is needed for all non-emergency medical appointments
- Be ready 10 minutes before

Elder mask distribution



Elder Cisco Mattia shows off his mask.

Ak-Chin Elderly Care Supervisor, Candace Allcott has been making handmade masks for the last couple of weeks and they are free to the Community as long as her fabric holds up.

Allcott has made over 60 and distributed over 40 masks and says she is still distributing them, which are now available at the Ak-Chin Elder Center. If you are or know an Elder who were missed out during the first "wave" of deliveries, please send someone to pick up a mask or let Allcott know and she will deliver.

If you requested a mask, Allcott says she has not forgotten and she will continue deliveries.

The masks, which are not N95, have an adjustable nose piece, a filter, and can be washed. "Please read the CDC guidelines included with the mask for How to Safely Wear and Take off a Cloth Face Covering, says Allcott. "If you did not get the guidelines with the first masks I delivered we can provide a copy to you."

Allcott's instructions are to wash the masks and hang them or lay them flat to dry. She stressed to not use a dryer and to lay them in the sun to disinfect if you can't get them washed after every use. The masks can be sprayed with a

little Lysol if you let them dry before you put them back on. If anyone is having trouble with masks hurting your ears, Allcott is having some face mask ear guards made. The ear guards are being donated by her aunt and should be available if you reach out at the Elder Center.

"I will be making some children's masks in the next few days. I will contact those who requested children's masks and have extra here at the center when they are done," says Allcott. "It's been a pleasure making them. Thanks!"

Allcott has a message to all who have helped with the mask distribution:

"A big thank you to Manny at EPD, CoCo, Leslie, Raychel, and Terri Ysaguirre for donating material. Also, thank you to Sheryl Grothe from Detention for the fabric. I'd like to recognize Mike Garza with the Fire Department. It was not his intention, but he gave me some fabric a couple of months ago and I have used a lot of it for these masks. Some of the fabric Mike Garza gave me was shipped to a friend of mine in California who was able to make over 70 masks that were distributed to an assisted living facility for Elders there."



Masks made by Candace Allcott.





Below is information on the



What is the Testing Day? Horizon Health and Wellness is offering COVID-19 virus (nasal swab) and antibody (blood draw) testing on Saturday, June 6, with the goal to provide access to critical testing to as many people as possible. Testing is available at no cost to you, and will be billed to your insurance if applicable. You do not have to have insurance to register for a testing appointment.

COVID-19 virus (nasal swab) and antibody (blood draw) testing will be offered

- Arrive at the 625 N. Plaza Drive location, park your vehicle and follow the signs to the designated testing entrance.
- A face mask or face covering is required to enter our facility for testing. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you.
- A form of ID (driver's license or state ID) is required for testing. For children, a legal guardian's ID is adequate. If you (do not have a form of ID, you can still receive a test; however, you will be billed for this service.
- Testing takes approximately 5 15 minutes.
- You will receive your results within 3 7 days

When and Where Will the Testing Day Occur?

- Saturday, June 6, from 8 am 5 pm Horizon Health and Wellness 625 N. Plaza Drive, Apache Junction Available by appointment, only with a scheduled time slot (www.hhwaz.org)

How Do I Register for an Appointment? You can register for an appointment by visiting www.hhwaz.org

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Day, please email Horizon at info@hhwaz.org or visit www.hhwaz.org

Horizon offers Telemedicine services, where you can visit with a healthcare provider from the comfort of your home using a computer, tablet, or smartphone For more information, call 833-431-4449 or visit www.hhwaz.org.

- your pick-up time
- One elder is transported at a time
- Masks must be worn in the vehicle at all times
- Dr. appointments If elders are in a wheelchair, or walker and need physical assistance, please bring a caregiver to assist you
- Please do not change your dialysis schedule
- If you have a change or cancelation in your schedule/ appointment, please call the Elder Center as soon as possible. That way we can fill your cancelation with another elder who needs the ride.
- Driver will sanitize the vehicle before and after each use

These are challenging times serving elders while we continue to social distance. We will do our best to get elders to and from their destination in a timely manner. However, with no more ride sharing, Elder Center staff working on limited hours and transporting one elder at time, this will result in longer wait times and limit amount of appointments we can take.

The Ak-Chin Indian Membership's Community strength and resilience certainly has not fallen short during COVID19. You are appreciated! We thank you!

If you have questions, please call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760.

It's an Election Year! Two (2) seats are up for election in November Chairman (1) and Vice Chairman (1)

Official Notice of Election will be posted in July

If you are considering running for one of the seats, please start preparing for this election to be held in November.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Election Board member Marilyn Thompson at (520) 568-1000 or Elaine F. Peters at (520) 568-1350.

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In our efforts to protect the Community and the health and safety of or members, residents, employees, and guests, the Community Council has issued a Declaration of Emergency and has opted to remain consistent with Governor Ducey's recent Curfew Order. A copy of the Declaration is attached.

The Declaration allows Ak-Chin Police to take enforcement action regarding this order. Community and Government Operations will continue to operate as scheduled. If you are engaged in regular activity such as going to work, to the store, or dinner, this does not affect that activity.

We are asking everyone to be careful and remain vigilant. If you see or notice something wrong, call 9-1-1.

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available or if modifications to this order are made. We appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding in this ever-difficult time. Let us continue to look out for and embrace one another. We will get through this together.

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Robert Miguel,	Gabriel Lopez,
Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Delia M. Carlyle	Lisa Garcia,
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Octavio Machado, Council Member

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

ARTWORK, LETTERS, **STORIES**

The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper.

Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner

On February 3, Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation began renovation а of the pool to bring a better experience to Community members on upcoming hot desert summer days. CDC Pools came out and emptied 95,000 gallons of water from the pool, which was a two-day process.

From February 5-6, interior pool demolitions started with a complete plaster and tile removal. While the pool was empty and the crew was busy chipping away at the plaster and tiles, the racing lanes were removed and the lights inside of the pool were redone. The lights were upgraded from plain white to LED colorchanging lights.

On February 10 and 11, beautiful new tile was installed around the top of the pool and on the steps.

Once the plaster had come completely off, the new plaster was the smoothed onto swimming area. The pool was then refilled.



BEFORE: Workers begin the renovation at the Ak-Chin Recreation pool.



AFTER: Renovation complete, awaiting opening.

Once the pool was full again, CDC Pools came back out and began their work on the deck.

The motors and drives of the pool were rewound and updated to ensure that the play features, slide, and filtration systems would run better.

The deck remodeling consisted of removing the bolts from the ground from obsolete lifeguard chairs.

The deck was then power washed and prepped to begin treatment of any cracks. Once epoxy was placed onto the cracks, the deck was treated with a new acrylic color coat.

Dining during the Pandemic



As retail stores and Employees shared how restaurants are starting to they felt about going out open their doors, people to eat in a restaurant. 6 are making their way out out of 10 people said

they would not feel completely comfortable dining in or being in public spaces. Others are not so inclined to stay another day indoors.

Story by J. Peters

A notice placed at a few tables at Arroyo Grille to encourage physical distancing.

making that jump isn't going to be reasonable any time soon.

A risk is taken every time we leave the house with or without a pandemic, during these but uncertain times the risk is slightly higher.

Whether the decision is made to dine in or drive through, the exposure is unavoidable.

HDS Profile: Bridget Carlyle

The Harrah's Development System (HDS) provides Ak-Chin members with an opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of how casinos operate and gives associates a chance to travel and explore other venues.

Meet Bridget Carlyle. She is gaining great experience rotating throughout the many departments at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino.

Name: Bridget Carlyle

Parents/Family: Mother is Maria Carlyle and Father is **Ronald Delores**

HDS start date: October 22, 2018

What is your current job/position? Caesar Rewards for 2 weeks

Work experience prior to Harrah's: Before Harrah's, I worked at UltraStar in the food and beverage department.

Area of interest (internship): Bingo

Reason for applying for and accepting position as HDS Associate: To learn more about the program and the casino, also I know it would be a great experience.

Most memorable "rotation" story? Front desk. I helped an elderly guest with her smartphone. She was relieved and gave me a thank you card.

What do you like/ enjoy most about the HDS program? Everything, the



trips we take, the departments I've been in, and the people I have met.

What do you like/ enjoy least about the HDS program? The time changes and days off in rotations.

What skill/knowledge have you gained from the HDS program? I have gained a lot from each and every rotation.

Graduation date? July or August, 2020

How has being part of the HDS program changed your life/ career path? It has changed a lot, I wouldn't have got my G.E.D. if it weren't for HDS. The program has opened up many doors for careers.

Comments or advice for others currently interested in HDS program? Have fun, be open-minded, and good luck!

Music on your phone or media player: Old school rap/hip hop

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, collecting nail polish, and watching movies or shows with my husband.

Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

Submitted pictures need a return address and brief description. Pictures with no address will remain on file. Allow 2 weeks for return.

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DEADLINE

Don't forget the DEADLINE for the JUNE 19 - JULY 2, 2020 issue is due by FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH

Material submitted after the JUNE 12TH DEADLINE cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

to these establishments to enjoy their favorite places, and make up for missed opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic lock down.

For those feeling hesitant to jump back into the throws of society, you are not alone. Many people feel the same way. When asked to participate in a survey conducted by Runner Staff, Ak-Chin

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The agency was relocated four years later to Sacaton and re-named the Gila River Agency. Because of the far distance from the Sells Agency, Ak-Chin was transferred to the Gila Agency.

With the establishment of the reservation in 1912, water was one of the big deliverables to the people of Ak-Chin. The objective of the government was to help the tribe to be selfsufficient, farming their own allotted lands (2.5 acres) and managing their own future, moving toward caring for their families and having a source of income.

What followed was the assignment of Stationary Engineers, who were the representatives for the Pima Agency, to Ak-Chin. However, with limited water to the

Excitement from those who loath the restrictions and want life back to normal, cheerfully roam free among the crowds in restaurants and public spaces. For those who cautionary, remain

village, it was difficult to achieve their plan.

Within the Executive Order, water was a big responsibility of the government and they worked to fulfill their duties.

BIA Agent House Built From 1915 to May 1919, Stationary 7, John Engineer Sutherland was tasked with the Community, and was replaced by Stationary Engineer C.H. Preed, who served from October 11, 1919 to sometime in 1921. Stationary Engineer Claude Bowler then served from November 1, 1921 to 1926.

In 1925, the BIA Agent House structure was built under the guidance of Stationary Engineer and Farmer Rufus W. Hamilton, who served until September 12,

People are put at the highest risk of exposure when dining in or outdoors at a restaurant, if the seating capacity is high, and if tables aren't set the standard 6 feet apart for social distancing.

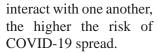
The more individuals

1930. The two-bedroom adobe house was built to replace the poorly conditioned tent house quarters, which cost the BIA \$1479.64.

The house was put up by Hamilton and an Ak-Chin labor force; it took 60 barrels of cement, 3,000 adobe bricks, and one carpenter to build the house, which came with screened porches and a basement. The basement did not function as a full basement, but rather a cellar to keep food staples dry and cool.

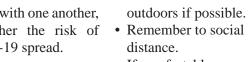
Dak Him Museum Wendy Technician Wagner, whose family has a deep connection to the BIA Agent House, said, "The purpose for the engineers coming in and out of the reservation was to provide water for the Community, which meant they also helped establish wells and Ultimate goal: To live the best life I can!

dine at your favorite restaurant please remember these tips:



If you are planning to

• Request to dine



- If comfortable wear a face cover.
- Wash/sanitize hands.
- Respect the establishment rules



The BIA Agent House in June, 2020, taken from the front of the house.

pumping sites in different areas of the Village, and established irrigation ditches that would go to different families at that time and would irrigate their fields."

Engineers also provided annual reports on Community progress, including tribal activities, serving as the go to between the Community and the Superintendent.

After a short stay from Operator John G. Pyeatt between July, 1933 and May 1934, Operator of the Pumping Station, Jack F. Whaley, became the last agent to occupy the BIA Agent House from May 1934 to around 1946.

New Era of Residents

Starting in 1948, the house was used as temporary housing for several Ak-Chin families as well as non-members and programs until the 1980's. Two occupancies

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REATIVE LEARNING



June 5 - 18, 2020 **GED Newsletter: Service Update**

Hello GED Students!

I am now back in the office from 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday! Several of you have stayed in communication with me over the last couple of months, but I would like to make the rest of you aware of the current GED services available to students. While in-person classes have not yet resumed, we are offering several options to assist students during this time.

To begin, we are offering packet pick-up services outside the Education building. Simply contact me, letting me know which packets/materials you are requesting, and when you plan to pick them up. I will prepare a folder, leave it on the picnic table outside the Education building, and let you know when it is ready for pick-up. In addition, we still have our online GED programs available for use. The A+ lessons can be accessed at ak-chin.Lrpnow.com. Login with the password ged2014 and your assigned username.

The GED Flash practice questions are also a great resource to keep your skills sharp. Go to nextgen. aztecsoftware.com and login with the password ged2014! and your assigned username. Once you feel ready to attempt an official GED practice exam, contact me for a voucher code, and you can take a practice test from home, on GED. com to see if you are at or above passing level on a particular subject area. I am able to monitor



your scores and activity in all of the online programs, so I can assist you with making progress from home.

As you work on your packets and the online programs, I am here to provide instructional support as well. I can assist via phone, text, e-mail, or Zoom. I am offering Zoom virtual class sessions with any students willing to give it a try. You can download the Zoom app on your smartphone or access it on your computer or tablet. I will simply invite you to my Zoom meeting with a link or code which I can text you, and then we can meet face to face via technology.

Lastly, it's important to note that many of the colleges have not yet reopened the GED test sites. Some plan to reopen with the start of the next academic school year in August. The earliest test dates showing locally on the GED. com calendars are in mid-June, however, we have to be prepared for possible cancellations or postponements. Still, there is a lot we can do during this time to prepare for future testing. The key is to remain positive and to continue studying to keep skills sharp, so that you are ready to test once the test sites reopen.

I know that all of this is different than we are used to, but I am still here to help you reach your goal. So pick-up packets, study from home, work the online programs, contact me for help, and try a Zoom session with me!

Every time one of you enters the testing room I tell you to "break a leg!" As we discuss when preparing for language arts, that is an idiom meaning good luck. Well now I share another idiom with you. "The show must go on." We CAN do this GED students!

-Desiree Guarino, Ak-Chin GED Instructor

Current GED Instructor Hours: Mon-Fri: 8AM-5PM GED Office: 520-568-1284 or dguarino@ak-chin.nsn.us





Fuel up with healthy snacks this Summer!

Register your child(ren) to receive healthy pre-packed snacks once a week provided by Health Education. All snack packs contain ingredients and instructions to make two (2) fun snacks per child per week to do at home.

> How to I get these snacks? Two easy ways... 1) Drive up pick-up at Ak-Chin Service Center every TUESDAY from 12pm-3pm

2) No transportation? Delivery can be arranged within Ak-Chin Indian Community Boundaries (Parent, guardian, or older sibling must be home)

Available for Ak-Chin Indian Community Members and Residents Only Open to children ages 2-17

Health Education at (520) 568-1085 or mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us with any questions



The Ak-Chin Youth Council has been gearing up in an effort show that Covid-19 will not stop them with connecting with their community. Before the coronavirus pandemic, the Ak-Chin Youth Council were busy with several different events early on in the year. These events included Chichwidag Tas, the UNITY Mid-Year conference in February, meeting with different departments such as Planning in order to seek youth's ideas regarding developments in the community to name a few.

Youth Council to operate in a different way. Currently the ACYC meets virtually, which was one of our immediate changes.



Virtual 10K or Half Marathon

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS

CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE COMPLETE WITHIN 7 DAYS

With that said, the Ak-Chin Youth Council were eager to continue in their involvement with upcoming events such as; Intercession activities, Tribal Council shadowing, meeting with departments, hosting the community gathering, attending the Four Tribes Council meeting and Census Day. Unfortunately, none of those events happened due to the arrival of Covid-19.

Once the Community returned back to work, there were guidelines in place for social distancing, which prompted the Ak-Chin It was exciting to see what new ideas the ACYC had in moving forward with this "new normal". Within less than a week the ACYC came up with an idea to still connect with the community by using social media.

"We would like to welcome you to Ak-Chin Youth Council News. The purpose of this production is to provide a means of entertainment and interaction, as well as creating content that will inform and teach our viewers; especially the youth in the community", stated Noahli Antone, who is one of the news anchors in the first episode of ACYC News 2020.

Not only did ACYC come up with the idea but has already finished

filming the first episode. The episode will be shown soon on the Community's Facebook page and we are currently working to launch on other social media platforms. For those who are not able to connect to social media we are also looking towards a newsletter to show what was shown on each episode. Episodes are hoped to be shown weekly.

This is just the beginning. In today's world, technology is being used every day throughout Indian Country, so what better way to use this technology during a time where social distancing is being practiced for controlled efforts to stop the spread of Covid-19. We are very excited to have this project in front of us, and we hope you all enjoy it.

LIBRARY HELPS KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE

In partnership with the the third consecutive year St. Mary's Food Bank for the Ak-Chin Library will



Curbside Pick-up @ the Library **Beginning June 8th** Monday through Friday 11am-1pm

*** Fill out Kids Cafe Parent Form** *Return to Library in Book Drop OR *Text a photo of the form to 480-779-8806 OR *Scan & email form to BPeters@ak-chin.nsn.us

Grab & Go will consist of frozen breakfast and lunch meals for anyone 18 years and younger for the entire week!!



Bring your children to the FIRST curbside pickup for verification if you cannot supply documentation.

Questions? Food Bank Call us at 520-568-1675



be hosting Kids Café, a food assistance program from Feeding America, organization who an visions a hunger-free America.

Beginning on Monday June 8th, a curb-side pickup line will be serving breakfast and lunch from Monday through Friday, 11 AM to 1 PM.

Families will get to pick up food once a week. The delicious prepared meals will feed each child for the week.

Parents/Guardians who wish to have their children receive these free foods, MUST fill out a Kids Café form, completed the form gives verification of the number of children in the household. Breakfast and Facts about Hunger in America •According to

USDA's the 2019 Household Food Insecurity in the United States report, more than 37 million people in the United States struggle with hunger.

•Households with children are more likely to experience food insecurity. Currently, more than 11 million children live in foodinsecure households.

•1 in 7 children may not know where they will get their next meal

What happens when a child faces hunger?

Kids who don't get enough to eat - especially

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OPEN TO AK-CHIN MEMBERS, RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ONLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATION AT (520) 568-1080 OR MGUY@AK-CHIN.NSN.US



Registration Link:

https://akchinlibrary.azsummerreading.org/

- Ages 0 18 years
- Download 'Read Squared' App
- Download on phone, tablet or computer
- Pick up your Summer Reading Packet at the Library - Call the Library (520)-568-1675
- Email Bri Peters: BPeters2@ak-chin.nsn.us
- Packets may be delivered within the Ak-Chin Community per request.
- Attend virtual programs on Social Media - (Library's Facebook & Instagram page)
- Earn prizes and have fun!
- Questions?

- Email Bri Peters: BPeters2@ak-chin.nsn.us

If you do not have internet access to register, please call the library or email Bri Peters.

Open to All Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, Employees & their Immediate Families.

their first three years – begin life at a serious disadvantage. When they're hungry, children are more likely to be hospitalized and they face higher risks of health conditions like anemia and asthma. And as they grow up, kids struggle to get enough to eat are more likely to have problems in school, and other social situations.

Children facing hunger may struggle in school - and beyond. They are more likely to: repeat a grade in elementary school, experience developmental impairments in areas like language and motor skills, and have more social and behavioral problems. (Info from Feeding America, www. feedingamerica.org)



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD Project for the Ak-Chin Central plant

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. These misc. projects for Design/ Construction consists of the following;

- Adding chiller tower platforms for maintenance and safety
- Adding chilled water filtration system
- Demo a portion of existing masonry wall and install some type of louver venting system

AMANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday**, **June 11th, 2020, at 9am**- available to first the 4 -Contractors to schedule and **10am**- for addition 4-Contractors. 11am will be the last meeting, if needed. This is to follow the COVID requirements of having no more than 10 people gathered in one place. Scheduling must be submitted to Flora Howerton by email at <u>FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us</u> or by phone (520) 568-1043. Meetings will be held the **Ak-Chin Central Plant located at 15960 N. Narcia St. Maricopa**, **AZ 85139**. Contractors are allowed 1-2 representatives to attend their scheduled meeting and must comply with the COVID standards of wearing a mask and keeping a 6' social distance between those present. When arriving to site location, please report to a sign-in person and do not enter location until escorted.

This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this prebid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Deadline for any proposal questions regarding this project will be 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, June 18th, 2020. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at <u>FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us</u>. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at <u>cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us</u>

The Owner will receive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, June 25th, 2020 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Electronic Proposals may be submitted to <u>FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us</u>. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner. June 5 - 18, 2020

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS FIVE (5) VACANCIES FOR THE AK-CHIN ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

OPEN TO AK-CHIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ONLY

Duties & Responsibilities of the Ak-Chin Enrollment Committee

- Preparing for and attending all meetings of the Committee
- 2. Reviewing all enrollment applications
- 3. Preparing enrollment applications for presentation to the Community Council.
- 4. Recommending to the Community Council approval or denial of applications for enrollment
- Developing recommendations to improve the enrollment process as needed.
- 6. Taking timely action on all enrollment applications and related matters
- Attending training sessions/meetings pertaining to tribal membership as appropriate

Requirements: Community employees must submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Enrollment Committee, along with their letter of interest. Must possess a valid Driver's License.

Please send all letters of interest Attn: Ak-Chin Community Council Attn: Victoria A. Smith 42507 W. Peters & Nall Rd. Maricopa, Arizona 85138

Deadline to submit letter of interest is Friday, June 12, 2020.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD Project at the Ak-Chin Fire Station

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. These misc. projects for Design/ Construction consists of the following;

- Extension of an existing awning and add power for lighting
- Demo and removal of one light pole
- Demo and replace all concrete approach to apparatus bays

A <u>1-HOUR MANDATORY</u> Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 at 9am- available to first the 4 -Contractors to schedule and 10am- for addition 4-Contractors. Contractors. 11am will be the last meeting, if needed. This is to follow the COVID requirements of having no more than 10 people gathered in one place. Scheduling must be submitted to Flora Howerton by email at <u>FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us</u> or by phone (520) 568-1043. Meetings will be held the **Ak-Chin Fire Station located at 45401 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139**. Contractors are allowed 1-2 representatives to attend their scheduled meeting and must comply with the COVID standards of wearing a mask and keeping a 6' social distance between those present. When arriving to site location, please report to a sign-in person and do not enter location until escorted.

This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this prebid meeting your proposal will NOT be accepted.

Deadline for any proposal questions regarding this project will be 12:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, June 17th, 2020. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at <u>FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us</u>. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at <u>cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us</u>

The Owner will receive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Electronic Proposals may be submitted to <u>FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us</u>. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner.

HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR Someone you know? You could be compensated from The Purdue Pharma L.P. Bankruptcy.

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JUNE 30, 2020.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED. PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("**Purdue**"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin[®], or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is <u>actually received</u> by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof** of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept <u>highly confidential</u> and will not be made available to the public. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue.

Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "**NAS**"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center c/o Prime Clerk LLC 850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232 Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com - Phone: 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue's bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit



PurduePharmaClaims.com, or call 1.844.217.0912.

Navajo families continued from front

who were able lots of deer and elk. We had to help identify those in need.

"We first visited one of relatives our named Lorraine Chischillie. We got there just as she had finished butchering а sheep that early morning. She was thankful for the supplies we brought her and was kind enough to share a piece of mutton for us to take home and cook."

to drive home slowly, but we made it home safely." When asked if they had

planned another trip, Pate was not sure if they will be going again any time soon, "but I hope we will in the future."

Pate and her family would like to say, "'Thank you' to all of our family and friends here in Ak-Chin for all the donations. Without all of your help it wouldn't have been possible to help out so many people. Also, all of our family and relatives from up North wanted us to thank everyone who donated supplies."

Pate is the daughter of Ryan and Tami Justin, granddaughter to Nancy Carlyle, and greatgranddaughter of Leona Kakar.

Navajo According to the Times, Nation Navajo President Jonathan Nez is lifting the 57-hour weekend curfews, although the 7-day nightly curfew will continue from 8 p.m. - 5 a.m.

As of June 2, Navajo Nation has reported 5,533 COVID-19 cases and 252 deaths. Approximately 1,960 individuals have recovered from COVID-19.



Photo of south side of BIA House, circa 1998.

and Family lived there for close to 20 years.

BIA Agent House Now

the building. Work began on the renovation in 2007, with a new roof added. In 2012, the renovation project was finished by BWS Architects, with an opening ceremony on Tuesday, August 28 of that year. The opening included a blessing by Joseph Enos and remarks by Chairman Louis Manuel, Jr., and Cecilia Martinez, Superintendent of Pima Agency.

AK-CHIN INDIAN

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#### DECLARATION OF THE **AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council Proclaiming a State of Emergency due to rioting and social unrest.)

| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | lawful assemblies are the lifeblood of our democracy based                                                                    |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | in the constitutional rights that we all hold so dear; and<br>in the past week, individuals have engaged in legal and         |  |
| whence,                                                                                      | peaceful protests throughout the nation and world; and                                                                        |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | at the same time, certain persons have engaged in riots                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                              | resulting in assaults, vandalism, violence and criminal                                                                       |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | damage; and<br>the violent civil disturbances and riots have continued and                                                    |  |
| ,                                                                                            | grown nationally and in Arizona, endangering additional                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                              | lives and property; and                                                                                                       |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | on May 28, 2020, a protest was held in downtown Phoenix, however, after ending, a number of those attending did not           |  |
|                                                                                              | disburse and began to cause a civil disturbance and riot                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                              | causing damage to police vehicles with officers in them,                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                              | vandalizing government buildings and throwing rocks and other items at police; and                                            |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | on May 29, 2020, following a peaceful vigil, some                                                                             |  |
| ,                                                                                            | participants again headed to downtown Phoenix where their                                                                     |  |
|                                                                                              | demonstration escalated resulting in additional vandalization                                                                 |  |
|                                                                                              | and damage to government and private business buildings, fireworks being launched toward police, streets being                |  |
|                                                                                              | blocked and reporters being assaulted; and                                                                                    |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | on May 29, 2020, the downtown area of the City of Tucson                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                              | was also vandalized by persons who burned dumpsters, blocked streets and destroyed property; and                              |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | on May 30, 2020, protests continued in downtown Phoenix                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                              | and downtown Tucson resulting in additional damage to                                                                         |  |
|                                                                                              | property, and looting occurred in downtown Scottsdale at multiple businesses in the Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall            |  |
|                                                                                              | and the surrounding area; and                                                                                                 |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | the level of disturbances and danger to persons and property                                                                  |  |
|                                                                                              | has continued to increase with information suggesting that                                                                    |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | civil disturbances will expand to other areas of the State; and<br>to date, as this violence spreads, it is necessary to have |  |
| ,                                                                                            | a statewide response to maximize the resources of law                                                                         |  |
|                                                                                              | enforcement and other government support services to                                                                          |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | ensure the safety of persons and property; and today, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey issued a statewide                          |  |
| -,                                                                                           | Declaration of Emergency, including putting in place a curfew                                                                 |  |
|                                                                                              | starting at 8:00 p.m. tonight and continuing in effect from                                                                   |  |
|                                                                                              | 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. daily until June 8, at 5:00 a.m. unless further extended; and                                       |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | the Community understands its obligations to permit                                                                           |  |
|                                                                                              | expressive activity, subject to reasonable time, place, and                                                                   |  |
|                                                                                              | manner, restrictions necessitated by the existing public safety concerns for citizens, public safety employees and            |  |
|                                                                                              | protestors; and                                                                                                               |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | one of the primary purposes of government is to protect                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                              | its citizens, maintain order and balance the rights of all individuals; and                                                   |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | the health and safety of the Community's members and                                                                          |  |
|                                                                                              | other persons who serve the Community is of the highest                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                              | priority and the Community Council recognizes the urgent<br>need to impose certain restrictions on those individuals          |  |
|                                                                                              | within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community                                                                         |  |
|                                                                                              | Reservation in order to keep the Community's members,                                                                         |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | residents, and employees safe; and the Council is authorized pursuant to Article IV, Section (n) of                           |  |
| ····                                                                                         | the Constitution to "regulate all matters and take all actions                                                                |  |
|                                                                                              | necessary to preserve and safeguard the health, safety,                                                                       |  |
| WHEREAS,                                                                                     | welfare, and political integrity of the Community"; and because of the aforementioned circumstances, it is necessary          |  |
| WITERLAS,                                                                                    | and appropriate to take action to preserve and safeguard                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                              | the health, safety, welfare of the Community's members,                                                                       |  |
| residents, and employees.<br>NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED by the Community Council, |                                                                                                                               |  |
| NOW, THEN                                                                                    | acting pursuant to the authorities vested in the Community                                                                    |  |
|                                                                                              | Council under Article IV, Sections (a), (i), (n), (o), and (q),                                                               |  |
|                                                                                              | that a public safety-based state of emergency exists across<br>the Ak-Chin Indian Community due to the rioting and social     |  |
|                                                                                              | the Akterin mulan community due to the hoting and social                                                                      |  |

Maybelle Yazzie is happy to receive some much needed supplies.

supplies that were donated by our family here in Ak-Chin we were able to make a whole trailer load of supplies to take up North."

On, Monday, May 18, Pate, along with her mom and grandmas, loaded up the trailer for the 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hour drive up north. "We went to the Chandler Springs Community where my mom is from. We also visited areas in the Dilkon Community."

Pate and her family went house to house delivering needed items, assisted by family members in the area

#### BLA House continued from page 3

and programs until the 1980's. Two occupancies of renters, Hubert Brown from 1948 to 1952 and Buford Wagner and Family from 1955 to 1961, were housed there before Ak-Chin's first Chairman Ross Lopez and Family stayed in April, 1961. Within the same year, Ak-Chin's new BIA Police Chief Theodore Enos and Family took over residence until 1965.

During this time in 1965, the Ak-Chin Day School was established and also run out of the BIA Agent House. The students were taught by VISTA workers Ted and Vange Leash. The program was funded by



over 35 families. Everyone we visited was so thankful and happy to get much needed supplies. We made many people smile that day. I felt so happy that we were able to help so many of our relatives and others who were in need. One thing I enjoyed the most was seeing the smiles on their faces and hearing them saying 'ahehee shalchini' (thank you my kids). I feel like we really made a difference."

After a long day of driving and delivering the women made their way back to Ak-Chin. Along the way, "we saw

the BIA and assisted by the Gila River Community Action Program and Ak-Chin.

A total of 15 Ak-Chin students attended preschool in 1965. Bus services were provided by the tribe and students were picked up at their home daily. The Council assigned Vera Santos and Melissa Romo as Teacher's Aides. Lena Enos served as the cook and the bus driver for the school was Theodore Enos.

1969. Ak-Chin Around Community members began occupying the BIA Agent House for housing use, with a brief stay by Juan Pablo and Family. The house was vacant for a year before Community members Anthony Thomas The house was vacant from when 1989 until 2003, the Cultural Resources Office under the Him-Dak Department conducted a survey on two historic properties, the BIA House and Mission School.

The survey asked membership what to do with the structures and if they wanted to see them restored. The majority of the membership wanted to save the buildings and make them part of the museum to tell the history of each building.

The house gradually became an extension of the Him-Dak Eco Museum when the Community began the process of scheduling a restoration of

The completion revealed the restored original wood flooring in the main area of the home, the original bath tub, and a gorgeous interior and exterior paint job. The preservation won the 2013 Governors' Heritage Preservation Honor Award.

Now the historic house is used as a museum with staged artifacts, photos and replicas of how each room might have looked at various stages. Him Dak Museum Technicians and staff like Wagner provide a thorough tour with plenty of personal and historical facts about the house and the Community.

The Community continues to hold special gatherings such as Mother's Day and Valentine's Day tea parties and anniversary celebrations throughout the year.



CCIICI1 basement taken in June, 2020

unrest taking place in Arizona and across the country.

- IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the Council, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Constitution of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, hereby orders as follows:
  - 1. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in the Ak-Chin Indian Community, due to riots and social unrest, effective Sunday, May 31. 2020 and continuing.
  - As part of the State of Emergency, a limited curfew is imposed for the entire Ak-Chin Indian Community Reservation beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020.
  - 3. The curfew will be in place from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. daily and shall expire on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 5:00 a.m. unless further extended.
    - a. During the hours of curfew, all persons are prohibited from using, standing, sitting, traveling or being present on any public street or in any public place, including for the purpose of travel, with the following exemptions:
      - (1) All law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics or other medical personnel, National Guard, as well as any other emergency response personnel authorized by the Community, and credentialed members of the media.
      - (2) Individuals traveling directly to and from work; attending religious services; commercial trucking and delivery services; obtaining food; caring for a family member, friend, or animal; patronizing or operating private businesses; seeking medical care or fleeing dangerous circumstances; and travel for any of the above services.
    - b. For purposes of this order, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, or any other mode of transporting a person from one location to another.
    - c. For purposes of this order, "public place" means any place, whether on privately or publicly owned property, accessible to the general public, including but not limited to public streets and roads, alleys, highways, driveways, sidewalks, parks, vacant lots, and unsupervised property.
    - d. For purposes of this order, "exempt care" means necessary medical services for an individual's self or family member.
    - e. Violation of this order is a Class 2 Minor Offense pursuant to Section 13.1.A.5 of Title 3 of the Ak-Chin Law & Order Code and is punishable by up to ninety (90) days in jail and/or a fine of \$500 in addition to any other violation under Title 3 of the Ak-Chin Law & Order Code.
  - Authorize the Ak-Chin Indian Community Police Department to enforce this order for the protection of life and property throughout the Community.

ORDERED this 31 day of May, 2020.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Bv

Man Sabriel Lopez, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST

Viotoria/A. Smith( Council Executive Ak-Chin Indian Community

### All Ak-Chin Community Members: AR-Chin Health





Exercise • Eat Healthy • Relieve Stress • Drink Water • Be Happy

The Ak-Chin Health Education Department is still here for your needs. From now and until further notice, we ask that you call us to schedule an appointment or plan for curbside pick up of items you may need. We are also able to meet one on one, via email or by telephone for questions or concerns that you may have.

### We still provide:

One on One Health Education (various conditions) **Diabetic Education/Supplies** One on One Fitness Training **General Nutrition Information** 

### Phone: (520) 568-1080 Email: AllHealthEducation@ak-chin.nsn.us

June 5 - 18, 2020

Ak-Chin's Class of 2020



Alyssa Wind Shawnee High School, Shawnee, OK



Annalise Manuel Ray High School, Kearney, AZ



**Drevyn Silas-Antone** Sherman Indian HS. Riverside, CA



**Bradley Miguel** Chemawa Indian High School, Salem, OR



Earl Justin Maricopa High School



Celiyah Antone Amphitheater High School, Tucson, AZ

Kalvin Antone

Mountain Pointe High

School, Tempe, AZ



Christen Kemp Maricopa High School



Marcos Olivas Agua Fria High School Avondale, AZ

8th Grade Promotion





Maricopa Wells Middle School

Alexa Machado Maricopa Wells Middle School



Doria Garcia

Maricopa High School

Michael Peters Maricopa High School



Isaiah Aviles





Samuel Justin Maricopa High School



Congratulations Angelica!

Kinder is all done, Now it's off to first grade! We are so proud of you, for not giving up on the things you











Daniel L. Pablo Maricopa High School Academic Achievement grades 10-12 with a GPA of 3.8-3.99. Received certificates along with the Silver cord and tassel. Poetry Slam grades 9-12



Within you, all you need.

Proud parents:

David Aviles &

Wendy Wagner Behind you, all

vour memories. Before you, all

your dreams.

Around you, all

"Best wishes on your graduation Son!!"

### Annalise Manuel

Annalise I couldn't be prouder of you. You are such a beautiful person, inside and out. You have grown into such a lovely young lady. I cannot wait to see where the Lord leads you, and all of the wonderful adventures He will take you on, as you continue to follow Him.

- I love you,
- Mommy
- Annalise I'm so proud of you. I will miss seeing you in the school
- plays, dance
- recitals, volleyball games, and on the
- cheer squad. You
- have accomplished • so much, and
- academically, you are as bright as they come.
- There really isn't
- anything you can't do. The Lord has
- blessed you in so many ways,
- you've always been creative
- and talented at using those gifts wisely.
- I pray you have an
- amazing experience • in college. Oh Nonnie
- it feels like yesterday I was watching you
- sing your heart out at kindergarten graduation

Congratulations on all you've done and the beautiful young woman you've become.

Love, Ashlea

### Haedin De Paola

8th Grade Promotion Leading Edge Academy Maricopa

- We are proud of you our Sweet Girl! We can't wait • for the High School fun to start. As Bubba would
- say, can't wait for the Girl Drama. I can't wait for Homecoming/Prom dress shopping & so much more new High School Adventures. Most of all
  - enjoy High School this is where you will discover
- so much. I am so proud of the young lady you
- are becoming & the young lady you will grow into Just know we will always be here for you.

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Angelica Antone

needed help with. You stuck through it, even if it meant sharpening your pencil down to the eraser, or eraser bits all over your paper. You Did It!! The path you pave for your brother I know will be an amazing one... Reach for the stars and beyond its galaxies... It's only the beginning!!

We love you!! -MOM & BROTHER

# Congratulations to Doria Mianni-Jane Garcia!



You did it! You are an official MHS Rams graduate! We are so very proud of you, through all the hard work and determination, it definitely payed off, right?! You now know how much you made not only us extremely happy but you also did it for your BaBa'a, Nana and for your Guardian Angels: Grandma Dora, Uncle Gilbert and Aunt Chimmy. We are glad to see that you did not give up on this goal and now we want to see you reaching for your future goals. No matter what, we will always be your rock and support. In • whatever it is you decide to do in the near future. We Love you to the moon and back "I-Ya" and again CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

> With Love Always: Dad, Mama, your brothers, sisters and nieces

### Dreyvn Silas-Antone•

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Very proud of you nephew!! Keep striving and reach for as much as possible to achieve your goals in life

Much love, Aunty Julene and your roadrunner family

The father says; Congratulations! I am very proud of you. Love Dad.

The stepmother says; Congrats to our Senior graduate! I know in the beginning you were slacking. Until I told your dad to get on you about your grades.

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I know you can improve and show us you can do it. So now you have showed us what you accomplished and you did it. I am shocked and very proud of you. Love your Stepmother!





Sariah Paya **Skyline Gila River** 

Araya Pena Maricopa Wells Middle School

Maricopa Wells Middle School

David Manuel Jr. Eilleen Quintero Maricopa Wells Middle School









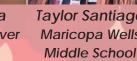
**Emily Peters** Maricopa Wells **Middle School** 

Leading Edge Academy

Haedin De Paola Jadon Valenzuela Fees College Prep Middle School



Janay Ulloa Justin Mylauni Antone Maricopa Wells **Middle School** 



Taylor Santiago Maricopa Wells

Trina Pacheco Maricopa Wells Middle School

Volincia Pablo Maricopa Wells Middle School







**Nicolas Olivas** Maricopa Wells Middle School





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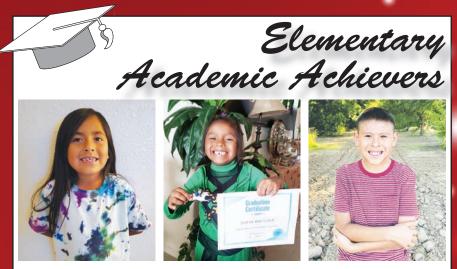


**Rosa Merriweather** 











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Graciela Soria













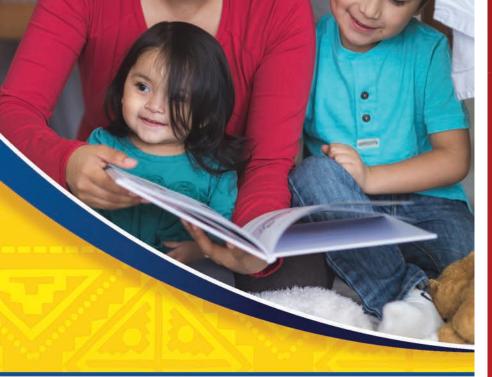












# Staying safe this summer

means staying home, social distancing when you have to go out, and following all CDC guidelines.

Contact your local Indian health care provider for more information, visit Healthcare.gov, or call 1-800-318-2596.



Sarah Delma - Kinder Sofia Iniestra - Kinder graduate Saddleback Elementary.

Legacy Traditional School's William (5th grade)and Edward Martinez (1st grade). William brought his grades up and

moved from

orchestra to

intermediate and

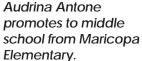
beginner

graduate Saddleback Elementary.

**Aiden Peters** promotes to Middle School from Maricopa Elementary.



Edward received honor roll for 2 semesters.



MES Promotion Parade





May 21st, Maricopa Elementary held their own promotion parade for their 5th grade students. Iliana Perryman and Draven Soliz promote to Middle School from Maricopa Elementary.



Teachers at Maricopa Elementary give their best wishes to former students as they receive their certificates in the Promotion Parade.



# HEALTH ALERT NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE GENERAL VISITATION GUIDELINES

### Effective May 19, 2020

The health and safety of our patients, visitors, employees, and our Community remain the top priority at Gila River Health Care. Therefore, in line with the latest guidelines recommended by the CDC, we have established our visitation policy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY AN ADULT PATIENT DURING CLINIC VISITS AT ANY GRHC SITE.

(if permitted, - see **Exceptions** below - a visitor must first pass the GRHC screening process and comply with GRHC Infection Prevention & Control policy and wear masks before entering the facility)

PRIMARY CARE DEPARTMENT

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- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
- One parent or guardian is allowed to accompany a minor child.
- One visitor or guardian is allowed to accompany a patient with a physical, mental, or age-related disability.
- In order to provide safe medical care, only one visitor or guardian is allowed.

INPATIENT DEPARTMENT

Exceptions

- One parent or guardian is allowed to visit a minor child.
 When possible, the designated visitor should remain the same for the course of the admission.
- In order to provide safe medical care, only one visitor or guardian is allowed.

GRHC VIRTUAL CARE Individuals can participate in a

Individuals can participate in a live video visit with one of our providers by calling 520-562-3321 and ask for a virtual (telemedicine) visit. Please inform the operator from which one of our campuses you usually seek care: Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Komatke Health Center, Ak-Chin Health Clinic, or Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Clinic.

For general info about Coronavirus, go to <u>GRHC.org/Coronavirus</u> **GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE (520) 550-6079**





- DIALYSIS EAST/WEST
- **Exceptions**

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GRHC Construction "WE CONTINUE TO GROW!" HHKMH Northeast Expansion (NOREX)

This project is a 33,000 square foot, expansion to the existing Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital building previously occupied by Dental, Transportation, and the Office of Safety and Emergency Management. Demolition of these two buildings has been completed, and construction began with the pouring of a new slab with a two-story steel structure to include a new elevator and expanded patient and office space. Estimated completion date is February 2021.



Gila River Health Care's Administrative Offices & Outpatient Clinics will be CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 3rd

For any information on services open during the holiday, please call GRHC's main line (520) 562-3321. Normal business hours will resume Monday, July 6th. If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.



Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

June 5 - June 18, 2020 n celebrates a solid re-opening h's rra

Harrah's Ak-Chin opened its doors at 9 am on Friday. May 15th, to a line of guests, while news helicopters hovered over the Community in anticipation of the re-opening. Once guests strolled into the main hotel entrance, they were greeted and treated to day long casino entertainment. Many also lined up to check into the hotel, which was also open for extended stays beginning Friday.

"The re-opening of Harrah's Ak-Chin on May 15th went extremely well." Michael Kintner, Director of Marketing and Operations for Harrah's Ak-Chin, shared.

Mike commented about the guests who made their way to Ak-Chin for the reopening, including Caesars Entertainment guests from California, Nevada and Arizona. "Many who had not visited Harrah's Ak-Chin before lined up early to come play their favorite slot machines and table games.

Everyone followed the social distancing guidelines in place and were appreciative of our additional sanitizing efforts."

On Saturday, May 16, Harrah's Ak-Chin received a visit from Caesars Entertainment CEO. Tony Rodio, who visited with Harrah's team members and guests.

The parking lots remained full over the weekend and the hotel was pretty much at capacity. Along with the hotel and pool, Agave's, Chop, Block & Brew, Copper Cactus Grill and Dunkin Donuts were opened on May 15. Oak and Fork has now opened, Fridays and Saturdays, from 4pm to 10 pm. The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin, The Buffet, Valet, The Spa and Fitness Center remain closed at this time.

Since the re-opening Harrah's has continued to welcome guests to the casino and hotel. At the doors guests are greeted by team members wearing masks, as all team members are required to wear them. Guests are strongly encouraged to do so as well. "If you do not have a mask, we will provide one free of charge upon request. We are requiring all table games players to wear a mask." Stated Kintner.

Harrah's guests can expect to see CDC protocols in place, including physical distancing on the casino floors, restaurants, bars and other seated areas. as well as reduced seating and proper social distancing at slot machine banks. Hand sanitizing stations can be found throughout the property. To learn more about Caesars Entertainment's health and safety protocols, please visit: www.caesars.com/health-andsafety

"It was really nice to see many of our local guests again, and they were also excited to see their favorite Harrah's Ak-Chin team members." Kintner added, "business has been great since re-opening and May 15th was a record setting day."



Above, guests line up in social distancing fashion as they await the doors to re-open at Harrah's Ak-Chin on May 15. Below, players are enjoying the action at the tables. Photos submitted by Harrah's.



Happy Birthday Marlene, David, Sr. and Elaine ~ Love, Mom

Happy Birthday Antonio, Raymond, Amaya, Renee, Ariah, Henry, Jolie, Aaron Jr., Joseph, Benjamin, and Myles ~ Love, Grandma



We are extremely proud to announce the birth of our newest and cutest family member, Daniel Lozano, Jr., born May 29, 2020 at 2:01am, 7lb, 11oz. 20.5in. Congratulations Daniel, Rachel, Christian and Aubrey for this beautiful blessing... ~ Love your family

June 2020						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Cruz Machado Jr.	2 Astraya Warren	3 Kiandra Smith	4 Joseph Zabawa	5 Mario Luz Haedin De Paola Alyssa Wind Jessica Quintero	6 Uriayzz Antone Marie Antone Ramona Kaniatobe
7 Marco Thompson Marissa Antone Zylen Antone-Silas	8 Xadrian Miguel Mylauni Antone	9 Consuelo Juarez Jason Smith	Holly Kaniatobe Marvin Lewis Ashley Vincent	Alex Bowman Benjamin King	12	13 Jeremy Carra Samuel Justin Richard Villegas
Brenley Hackney Amorie Narcia Ralph Martinez	15 Saul Ruelas Cecil Miguel Jr.	16 Manuel Ortega Lupe Kaniatobe Daniel Antone	77 Kali Wind Anelia Jacuinde Mauktho Sehongva' Jose Raul Ruelas Clorenda Humeyumptewa	18 Shanna Narcia Myles Peters	19 Josefa Lewis Michelle Smith Kellen Hoffman	20 Julianna Smith Justin Zabawa Juanita Balderrama
Bridget Carlyle Sedra Dean Tanya Enos	22 Baya Olivas Pamela Vincent Davidson Ugalde Jr.	23 Lillian Shade	24 Adela Zabawa Autum Manuel Kevin Ormshy	25 Johnny Lopez Mary Rodas	26 Savanna Gonzalez Tylen Zepeda	27 Esperanza Moreno Aiyana Narcia

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Community Governmen Jaclyn Sarnowski,

Planning

6/5 - Lila Biro,

Capital Projects

Charles McCarty, TGA 6/19 - Lynnette Houston-

6/16 - Daniel Antone,

Security

Volden, Social & Health Services

6/20 - Gilbert Cervantes, Law & Order Mayra Bandin, Early Childhood Erick Solis. Law & Order Juanita Balderrama, Elderly

6/21 - Sarah Zabawa,

Gino Williams, TGA

6/26 - Rufus White, Sanitation

6/27 - Sheila Pablo-

Rosario Waites, Vekol Lusan Enos, Cultural

Bandin, Education

6/6 - Max Heeres. Capital Projects 6/7 - Terri Jay, IS

Kashmir Miller Law & Order

Aavis, IS

6/25 - Guillermo Ruiz, Marissa Antone, Elderly Sanitation

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